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FOR WHAT IT WORTH, IN VIEW OF CURRENT SIGNS OF UNREST IN BAGHDAD, WE HAVE NOTED MARKED INCREASE IN ANTI-IRAQI PROPAGANDA CARRIED IN OFFICIAL DAMASCUS MEDIA OVER PAST SEVERAL DAYS. SEPT 26TH THAWRAH FRONT PAGED STATEMENT ISSUED BY SO-CALLED "IRAQI NATIONAL COALITION" ACCUSING GOI OF TREASON FOR DECIDING BUILD DOLLARS 375 MILLION PIPELINE TO TURKEY THAT ALLEGEDLY WILL BE USED AS SUBSTITUTE FOR TRANS-SYRIA PIPELINE. STATEMENT, WHICH CARRIED BEIRUT DATELINE, CHARGED THAT NEW PIPELINE WAS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED UNDER NURI SAID GOVT PRIOR TO 1958 TO SUPPLY OIL TO US SIXTH FLEET. DESCRIBED AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY AS "ANOTHER CONCESSION" BY GOI TO "IMPERIALIST MONOPOLIES" AND SAID ABORTIVE KAZZAR COUP ON JUNE 30 HAD BEEN RESULT OF "POWER STRUGGLE" ENGINEERED BY SADDAM HUSSEIN IN ORDER ELIMINATE HIS RIVALS AND PAVE WAY FOR IMPROVED

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RELATIONS WITH US AND UK. ON SEPT 27, DAMASCUS DAILY AL BAATH

ACCUSED GOI OF SEEKING SURRENDER "OIL WEAPON" TO "ENEMIES OF ARAB NATION", ADDING "RULERS IN BAGHDAD HAVE THUS BETRAYED THEIR PEOPLE AND ARABS AS WHOLE." PIPELINE PROJECT, ACCORDING TO AL BAATH, "CONSTITUTES OUTRIGHT VIOLATION OF THEIR RIGHTS, BLATANT RENUNCIATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE BATTLE, AND CAPITULATION TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS IN TOTAL DISREGARD OF WILL OF ARAB MASSES".

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